REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-45 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-41 are rejected.

Claims 41-45 are allowed.

Upon entry of this Amendment:

- Claims 41-55 will be pending
- · Claims 46-55 will be added
- Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-40 will be cancelled without prejudice
- Claims 41, 46 and 51 will be the only independent claims

B. CLAIMS 41-55 CONTAIN ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for indicating that Claims 41-45 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice.

New Claims 46-50 and 51-55 are directed to methods and computer readable media, respectively, providing for functionality substantially similar to that of allowed Claims 41-45. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 46-55 also contain allowable subject matter for at least the same reasons that the Office Action indicates Claims 41-45 are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions about the new claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

C. SECTION 102(E) REJECTION

Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by <u>Walker</u> (U.S. Patent No. 7,385,508). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's Section 102(e) rejection.

However, solely for business reasons and to expedite allowance of the application in light of the Claims 41-45 that are indicated as allowable, Applicants have elected to cancel the rejected claims, without prejudice, in favor of the allowable claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims (as they may have stood at any time during the examination of this Application) and other embodiments disclosed in the Specification, in one or more continuing applications.

D. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Our silence with respect to the Examiner's other various assertions not explicitly addressed in this paper, including assertions of what the cited reference(s) teach or suggest, the Examiner's interpretation of claimed subject matter or the Specification, or the propriety of any asserted of teachings, is not to be understood as agreement with the Examiner. As Applicants have elected to pursue the subject matter has indicated is allowable in this Application, Applicants need not address all of the Examiner's assertions or rejections at this time. Also, the absence of arguments for patentability other than those presented in this paper should not be construed as either a disclaimer of such arguments or as an indication that such arguments are not believed to be meritorious.

E. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND & AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE APPROPRIATE FEES

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F. CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 438-6408 or via electronic mail at mdowns@finchamdowns.com.

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